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SUBJECT: CODEL GRAVEL WRAP-UP

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SUMMARY: CODEL GRAVEL SPENT A USEFUL AND ACTIVE TWO AND A HALF DAYS IN PANAMA MARCH 18-21. DESPITE THE BREVITY OF THE VISIT, THE SENATOR AND HIS PARTY WERE ABLE TO SAMPLE THE WIDE RANGE OF OPINIONS ON THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION. SENATOR GRAVEL WAS AND IS A FIRM SUPPORTER OF A NEW CANAL TREATY. END SUMMARY.

1. SENATOR MIKE GRAVEL AND HIS LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT MR. WILLIAM HOFFMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY MAJ. RICHARD PAHLAND, DISCUSSED THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION WITH A BROAD SPECTRUM OF PANAMANIAN AND AMERICANS DURING THEIR 2 1/2 DAY VISIT TO PANAMA MARCH 18-21. THE SENATOR SPOKE WITH PRESIDENT LAKAS, OTHER GOP LEADERS PROMINENT PANAMANIAN, THE EMBASSY, PANCANAL, SOUTHCOM, AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND CANAL ZONE LABOR LEADERS. ALREADY INFORMED ON THE ISSUES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ON U.S.-PANAMANIAN RELATIONS, SENATOR GRAVEL USED HIS VISIT TO GARNER FIRST-HAND VIEWS ON THEM FROM THOSE ON THE ISTHMUS AND TO DISCUSS HOW THE PANAMA ISSUE SHOULD
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BE PLAYED IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE SENATOR WAS DISAPPOINTED NOT TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT TORRIJOS (SEE REFTEL) BUT OTHERWISE HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIS VISIT'S SCHEDULE.

3. COMMENT:EMBASSY ENJOYED SENATOR GRAVEL'S VISIT.

AS DID THE PANAMANIAN AND AMERICANS WITH WHOM HE SPOKE.
HE MADE NO BONES ABOUT HIS SUPPORT FOR A NEW TREATY
RELATIONSHIP WITH PANAMA. (COPIES OF CODEL GRAVEL
SCHEDULE AND GUEST LISTS BEING POUCHED ARA/PAN: GUTHRIE.)

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